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### Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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✓ Systems and methods for controlling the activity of carbon in heat treating atmospheres

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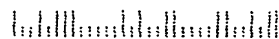
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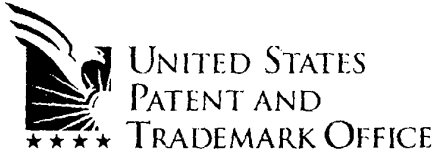
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